

## Spotlight on Horry...

*Horry County was named for Revolutionary War hero Peter Horry (1743-1815). The county was originally a part of the Georgetown District, and at one time was called Kingston. It became a separate county in 1801, with the county seat at Conway. This area of the state was isolated for many years by numerous rivers and swamps, and the inhabitants sometimes referred to themselves as the "Independent Republic of Horry." Lumber and naval stores were the primary industries during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, with tobacco farming being introduced later. In the twentieth century, tourism came to dominate the coastal region of the county, centered around Myrtle Beach. Television personality Vanna White is a native of Horry County.*

### Coastal Workforce Center

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### Location & Climate

- Located in the eastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Dillon, Marion, and Georgetown counties, bordered by North Carolina and the Atlantic Ocean
- This region has an average temperature of 64.3 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 54.5 inches.

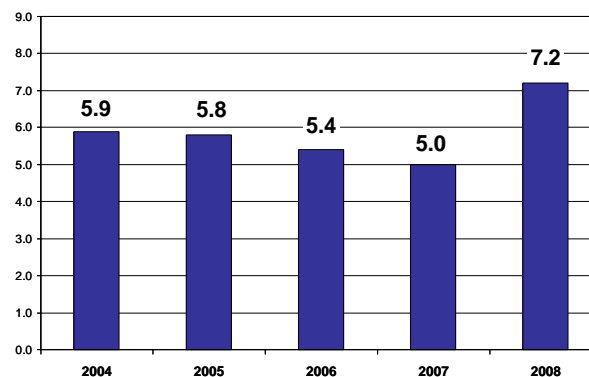
### Population

- Was 249,710 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 291,080 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 83.0% White, 14.5% African-American, and 2.5% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 5,057 in 2000 to 10,857 in 2007, a 114.7% change.

### Labor Force

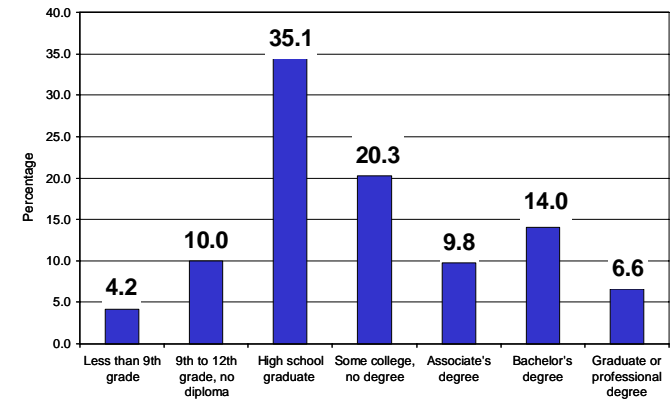
- Increased from 129,820 in 2007 to 131,480 in 2008
- Employment fell from 123,370 in 2007 to 122,060 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 5.0% in 2007 to 7.2% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Horry County  
2004 - 2008



### Educational Attainment

Horry County 2007



### Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$28,310 for 2007.
- This was 91% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 73% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Horry Workforce Center paid \$37,876,169 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



### SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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